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## ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL RED CROSS SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Gleichen branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was held in the work room.

The branch has had a successful year in spite of many difficulties such as being unable to get their supplies, and long attendance at the weekly sewing meetings held each Tuesday afternoon. Due to the prevailing spirit that the "War is won, on my word," Mr. Norman Urquhart, chairman of our executive committee, (in an accompanying article) tells us very clearly where our duties lie with regard to our work.

We went to divisional headquarters 319 articles of clothing and refuse sewing; a number of handkerchiefs, 12 complete layettes, and 62 quilts were completed and sent. The ladies of the Meadowbrook U.F.A. assisted in making many of these.

Turtleneck sweaters are in great demand so the wool convener contacted most of knitting on these garments. There were 101 knitters, articles sent to headquarters, five local boys each received a pair of socks upon their enlistment.

In March we sent two local boys who are prisoners of war a blanket each and have evidence that they both received same.

Our welcoming committee, who meet all local service personnel, returning from overseas giving them comforts such as cigarettes, candy, fruit. The only veteran of this war confined to the Gleichen Hospital, Johnny Guthrie, was very pleased to be remembered by the local Red Cross members. Johnny was given a parcel with his articles from overseas and at Xmas a request from a local family for clothing was taken care of. Also at Christmas time we were very happy to be able to give gifts to two families making their Christmas just a little more cheerful.

The Calgary Mobile Blood Clinic, paid the district two visits, April and September. We have been privileged to use the facilities of the Blackfoot Indian Hospital and the assistance of Dr. Windsor for which we have been most grateful.

The Red Cross wishes to thank everyone who in any way assisted them during the past year.

We are very sorry Mrs. J. A. McArthur, our president for the past three years, walked to relieved of her office. We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Mrs. McArthur for her untiring efforts during her term of office.

The following officers were elected by acclamation or 1945:

President—Mrs. H. E. James.

1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Geo. W. Evans.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. A. McArthur.

3rd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. B. W. Brown.

Secretary—Mrs. P. Dabney.

Treasurer—Mr. A. W. Gilbert.

Chairman of War Work Committee—Mrs. Geo. Evans.

Entertainment Committee—R. W. Brown.

Campaign Committee—W. Blaney.

Welcoming Committee—Mrs. W. Schmidt, assistant, Mrs. T. W. Belet.

Wool Convener—Mrs. W. Sutermeister.

Sewing Committee—Mrs. N. A. Riddell, Mrs. H. E. James and Mrs. G. Parquharson.

Bandage and Dressings—Mrs. R. S. McQueen, assistant, Mrs. E. Fropp.

Playette Committee—Mrs. G. H. Gooderham.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**RECEIPTS:**

Bank balance \$ 71.68

Donations 65.84

Receipts from camp funds 827.72

Exp. light, heat, etc. 45.20

Postage exchange, sundries 32.90

\$1,994.11

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Pd. Alta. div. for. mer. & sup. \$441.99

War con. transferred to Alta. 706.10

Office campaign 68.00

Supplies and materials pur. by branch from local firms 83.71

Exp. light, heat, etc. 45.20

Postage exchange, sundries 32.90

\$1,296.05

Current account 738.07

Deducting out's/ys cheques 40.52

\$1,994.11

**OUR PRIVILEGE AND DUTY**

We have the honouring of the

## BRITISH SUBMARINES IN PORT

Allied military leaders and statesmen that this war is far from won. That even though we may be on the road to victory in Europe our efforts must not be slackened now because even if peace comes on the Continent the war in the Pacific, which will involve our forces, still has a long way to go.

As you know the enemy has adopted a "scorched earth policy" that is complete in ruthlessness and destruction with the result that today millions of people in the front countries are destitute, their homes and factories nothing but masses of wreckage. This means that even if the war ended tomorrow it would be necessary for the Canadian Red Cross to continue to send vast quantities of supplies of clothing, comforts, drugs and other necessities of life for years to come to relieve the acute distress left in the wake of war.

While hostilities continue, our supplies have grown to be of paramount importance to our men in the field, the wounded in hospitals and the prisoners of war. We in the Red Cross must make sure that sufficient supplies are available on all battlefronts—at all times—and in large enough amounts. It is our privilege—and duty.

To the women in the workrooms across the Dominion I would say this: To date your efforts have been little short of magnificent. Never in the history of the world has there been such a concerted selfless effort to keep the clothing and warm comforts and surgical dressings en route to their front line destinations.

I would also like to add my tribute to the women volunteers in the prisons of war food packing plants who have made, and are making, a magnificent contribution to Red Cross.

Is it too much to ask that you keep up the good work? It would be a tragic thing in the final hour of desperate gallantry on the part of our fighting men, to end this savage war and for all, if we at home gave up too soon.

They look to us with faith, and well-placed faith, to keep them supplied with the necessities they must have to do a good job. It has long been our proud boast in Red Cross that we have kept that faith.

Our men fight to the last gasp. Many will suffer the pain of wounds or the confinement of prison camps, others will lose their lives in seeking us through to victory.

How can we—in all fairness—do less than our duty? Let us see it through with them.

**NORMAN C. URQUHART,**  
Chairman, National Executive Com.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**BY PAULINE SUTERMEISTER**

Entire high school \$ 0.75

Mrs. Gilbert's room 1.35

Mrs. Lishmer's room 38.90

Miss Smith's room 7.02

Total for January \$877.75

How about the parents helping to get the students "in the groove" by buying War Savings stamps?

Let's see how we can help them by buying. Help pick up the slack—Buy War Savings stamps.

**ST. ANDREWS CHURCH**

Sunday, February 12th

High Communion 11 a.m.

Rev. D. A. Ford, R. A., Incumbent

## MAYOR, COUNCILLORS AND SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTED

Monday was nomination day for mayor, councillors and school trustees. There were no surprises. Since there was just enough time to fill the various offices there will be no election.

Mayor Sutermeister, Councillors Tom and Bob Brown term on the council had expired. They were again nominated for the positions they held. The men who will guide Gleichen's destiny for the next twelve months are: Mayor Sutermeister, Councillors W. G. Gilbert, T. Brown R. W. Brown, R. S. Haskayne, R. E. Hunter and G. T. Jones.

The terms of Dr. Parquharson, R. N. Hunter and W. J. McKay on the school board had expired. Mr. McKay who is at present living in Calgary, place was taken by Al Wilson, the Calgary Power Company's trouble shooter. This will be Mr. Wilson's first experience in public office.

The members of the school board, Dr. G. H. Parquharson, R. E. Hunter, R. A. Wilson, P. N. Warner and W. F. Ferguson.

## LEGION TURNS DOWN CURLING RINK PROPOSAL

At a well attended meeting of the Canadian Legion held on 4th of February the matter of the Gleichen Branch of the Legion associating itself with the Gleichen Curling Club in the construction of a new curling rink was discussed. It had been proposed that the Curling Club would construct a new curling rink with club rooms for the use of the Gleichen Legion.

It was pointed out by the officials from the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion, who were present at the meeting, that such an undertaking would not be according to Legion standards. An undertaking of this kind would really be a community responsibility as a whole and there was no doubt but that every individual of the Canadian Legion would back it, but the Legion as an organization could not constitutionally do so. The Legion's responsibility is to have a place for the young veterans when they return.

A resolution was passed that the Legion appreciates the broad interest of the Gleichen Curling Club in thinking of the veterans of both wars for their entertainment and regrets the Canadian Legion cannot better the plans of the club as it feels that it must have its own home.

The Legion members from Queenston were thinking of having a charter of their own. It was hoped, however, that they would reconsider and remain with the Gleichen Branch as the Branch would function much more effectively.

## LOCAL BROWNIES MEET LEADER

**MISS B. RIDDOCK**

Nineteen enthusiastic Brownies and Brownies-to-be gathered at the Legion Hall last Tuesday to meet with Miss B. Riddick, Provincial Field Secretary of the Girl Guides. Miss Riddick conducted a Brownie meeting and games on that to the hostess.

little girls everywhere. The Brownie program is designed to start the Brownies on the road to becoming useful citizens in their community. Service to others is their aim; "Lend a Hand" their motto.

These little girls will meet again in the Legion Hall, Saturday afternoon, February 17 at 3 o'clock. To this meeting and tea party they invite all their mothers and every friend of Brownies.

## ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The annual meeting of the members of St. Andrews Church was held one evening last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Horn. Rev. St. Ford occupied the chair and there were 14 members present.

"Mr. Ford read his report concerning the activities of the church for the past year and pointed out that particular effort should be made at paying up last year's assessments. He added the furnace in the church needed repairing during the coming year. Some discussion took place regarding the heating of the church and it was left with the wardens to look into the matter.

It was decided that the members of the congregation would be asked for an additional \$2 in order to clear up the back assessment.

The following officers were elected for this year.

Peoples Warden—R. S. Haskayne.

Secretary/Treasurer—A. MacCallum.

Hon. Member Vestry Board—J. E. Osterander.

Vestry—Messrs. Moore, Goodwin, Bates, H. James, Hampton, Vandell, and Ramsay.

Lay Delegates—Messrs. Bates and Osterander.

Alternative Wardens—Horn and MacCallum.

## OBITUARY

**EDWARD JOHN BRUCKER**

Edward J. Brucker, 70, an old time resident of Mossleigh district, died Friday at Eventide Home, where he has been a resident for the past seven years. Mr. Brucker was born in Burlington, Iowa. He homesteaded in the Mossleigh district in 1904 and resided there until he retired about 19 years ago. Later illness made it necessary for him to enter Eventide Home.

He is survived by four brothers: Lee of Kersey Neb.; Lawrence, May, Fayder, Wyo.; Albert, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Aolph, Mossleigh. Two sisters Mrs. Ida Slevin, Aberdeen, Idaho and Mrs. Anna Nelson, Broad water, Neb. He was predeceased by one sister and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the auditorium at Eventide Home with Major Parquharson of the Salvation Army officiating after which interment was made in Gleichen cemetery.

Present at the funeral, despite the inclement weather, a few friends of the deceased from Mossleigh. The pallbearers are all old friends of the deceased, were Messrs. T. J. Barry, G. T. Jones, C. E. Eaton, N. Kilpatrick, H. Kilpatrick and E. Campbell.

## THE WORLD OF WHEAT

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varieties over the prairies made by the crop testing plan indicates that Thatcher has still further increased its lead over all other varieties, and is by far the most widely used variety on our prairies. Thatcher now occupies 54.8 percent of the total acreage sown to wheat in the three provinces, compared with 52.8 percent last year. Marquis is still in second place, occupying 15.5 percent of the wheat acreage. Red Robs is in third place with 12.3 percent. Regent has fourth place with 5.2 percent. Some new varieties, including Regent and Garret, occupy a total altogether of 4.3 percent.

Thatcher greatly dominates in Saskatchewan, occupying 75 percent of the acreage, and dominates Manitoba with 44.1 percent. In Alberta Red Robs heads the list with 30.3 percent, closely followed by Marquis with 30.7 percent. Regent has made considerable advance in Manitoba, occupying now 20.4 percent of the acreage, compared with 22.1 percent last year. Garret made some advance in Alberta, occupying 6.5 percent of the crop, compared with 3.7 percent last year.

The increase in Garret production was brought about by the extreme cold of the winter which enabled the Garret crop to escape frost damage in recent years.







